

MEDICINE BOARD[653]**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.10, 148.2, and 272C.2, the Board of Medicine hereby amends Chapter 8, “Fees,” Chapter 9, “Permanent Physician Licensure,” and Chapter 11, “Continuing Education and Training Requirements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 8 defines application and licensure fees for physicians, Chapter 9 defines requirements for permanent physician licensure, and Chapter 11 establishes the continuing education and training requirements for physicians. These amendments provide for an exemption to the permanent licensure renewal fee and the continuing education requirements for physicians on full-time active duty in the U.S. armed forces, reserves or national guard.

The Board approved the Notice of Intended Action during a regularly scheduled meeting on March 8, 2013. Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 1, 2013, as **ARC 0697C**. A public hearing was held on May 21, 2013, at 11 a.m. at the Board’s office, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite C, Des Moines, Iowa. No oral or written comments were received on the proposed amendments. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

The amendments were adopted by the Board on June 28, 2013.

After analysis and review of this rule making, it has been determined that the amendments could have a positive impact on jobs. By exempting the permanent licensure renewal fee for physicians in active military service, this relief could help a physician establish or maintain a practice in an Iowa community once the physician is finished with active military service. The Board will continue to work with stakeholders to maximize any positive impact these amendments may have on job creation.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 147, 148, and 272C.

These amendments will become effective August 28, 2013.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **8.4(1)“c”** as follows:

c. Renewal of an active license to practice;

(1) \$550 if renewal is made via paper application or \$450 if renewal is made via on-line application, per biennial period or a prorated portion thereof if the current license was issued for a period of less than 24 months.

(2) There is no renewal fee due for a physician who was on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, reserves or national guard during the renewal period. “Active duty” means full-time training or active service in the U.S. armed forces, reserves or national guard. A physician who fails to renew before the expiration of the license shall be charged a penalty fee as set forth in 8.4(1)“d.”

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **9.13(3)“a”** as follows:

a. Renewal fee.

(1) The renewal fee is \$550 if ~~the~~ renewal is made via paper application or \$450 if ~~the~~ renewal is made via on-line application, per biennial period or a prorated portion thereof if the current license was issued for a period of less than 24 months.

(2) There is no renewal fee due for a physician who was on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, reserves or national guard during the renewal period. “Active duty” means full-time training or active service in the U.S. armed forces, reserves or national guard. A physician who fails to renew before the expiration of the license shall be charged a penalty fee as set forth in 653—paragraph 8.4(1)“d.”

ITEM 3. Adopt the following **new** definition of “Active duty” in rule **653—11.1(272C)**:

“Active duty” means full-time training or active service in the U.S. armed forces, reserves or national guard.

ITEM 4. Amend subparagraph **11.4(2)“a”(1)** as follows:

(1) Periods that the licensee served honorably on active duty in the ~~military~~ U.S. armed forces, reserves or national guard;

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